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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 4 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are confusingly written.

The following changes are suggested;

Claim 4, line 1, change "characterized in that it contains" to -- comprising --.

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, change "characterized in that it comprises" to -- comprising -- .

Claim 8 change the claim to read:

- - 8. An absorption product comprising an absorption core of the defibered fluff pulp according to claim 4. --

Claim 9, line 1 and 2: change "characterized in that is a hygiene product, such as" to -- wherein the product is a --

If these deficiencies are properly corrected, the claims would be allowable.

- 2. Claims 5 and 6 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- 3. Claims 1-3 are allowed.
- 4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The claims are patentable over the prior art especially over Wu et al (6,074,524) and Hamilton et al (6,667,424) on the basis of the lower add on level of the

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bentonite. The claimed add on level of bentonite is not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Chin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1186. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on (571) 272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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